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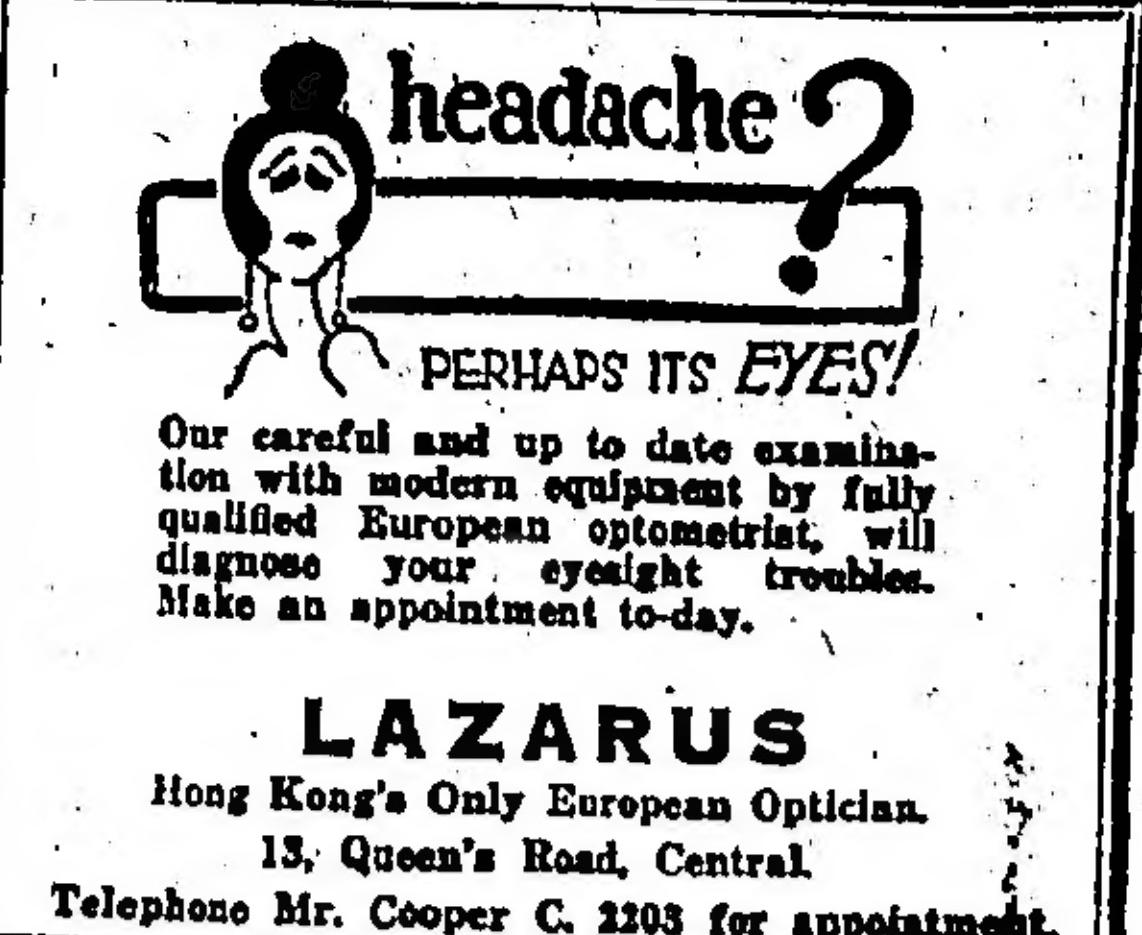
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FATE OF THE DOLLAR

Why Should Silver Be More Popular?

THE MEX. REFUSED

Preference Given To Hong Kong Piece

BOMBAY MINT PROFITS

Why should the Hong Kong silver dollar be more popular than the Mexican dollar, as is alleged? Following the recent decision (in the interests of local trade) to make the big coin legal tender, there have been complaints about shopkeepers refusing the silver dollar and of some bus conductors in Kowloon giving preference to the Hong Kong piece. Then, again, some of the leading native banks have imported Mexican dollars from Hong Kong—at a profit—and paid same into accounts with exchange banks. And some of the exchange banks have imported new Hong Kong dollars—also at a profit—from the Bombay mint. Here is an extract from an article on currency, banks, weights and measures sp 'ally written by Mr. E. Kann for the new "China Year Book."

THE UNIVERSAL MEDIUM

The dollar has become very popular in China and enjoys an extensive circulation throughout the whole country. Undoubtedly the dollar is destined to be chosen the universal medium of circulation in China, and as such is likely to replace the clumsy syceen. This change presupposes, however, effective control over the provincial mints on the part of the Government, so that one single pattern of a uniform dollar could be produced.

In the beginning of the 16th century Spanish traders, from their base in the Philippines Islands, introduced the Carolus dollar which succeeded in maintaining its status in Shanghai until 1856. By that time it had reached a premium of over 30 per cent, thereby causing much harm to legitimate trade. It was in 1856 that the Spanish (Carolus) dollar was replaced as book-currency in Shanghai by the tael. Apart from the Carolus' dollar there were also Peruvian, Chilean and Bolivian dollars current in China, but not in large quantities. Although originally introduced into China in the early part of the 16th century, the Spanish dollar gained wide circulation after the opening of Canton for foreign trade in A.D. 1757. It became the currency for international transactions, and banks' exchange quotations were based thereon. After the minting of Carolus dollars had been discontinued in Mexico in the forties of the 19th century, rather large premiums were demanded in China, causing the gradual replacement of the Carolus dollars by either syceen or by rival coins.

THE "PESO"

Foremost amongst the latter is the Mexican dollar which was first struck in the homeland in 1824; there it was styled "peso." Owing to its superior fine content and uniformity of composition the Mexican dollar became for a lengthy period the most widely used coin in the world. It was current in North and South America, the West Indies, the islands of the Pacific, Japan and throughout the major portion of Asia. The Mexican dollar first entered China in 1854, and by 1911 the total number circulating there was estimated at 500 millions. In 1914 a new and formidable rival to the Mexican dollar arose in the shape of the Yuan Shih-kai dollar. Since then the Mexican coins have been vanishing from circulation in China. In 1929 they were still circulating in the Shanghai district, but the total was by no means large.

The success attained by the foreign dollar coins in China induced the then Viceroy of Canton, Ching Chih-tung, to petition the throne in 1887 for permission to coin Chinese dollars. This resulted in the appearance in 1889 of the first Chinese dollar coin with the dragon emblem. The new dollar coin gained a wide circulation, but in the course of time lost popularity on account of lack of uniformity, owing to systematic debasement by some of the provincial mints. With the fall of the imperial regime the Chinese dollar coins were still circulating in the country, but the American dollar which was a splendid imitation of the Chinese dollar was rapidly displacing it.



THE NEGLECTED MEXICAN

the Yuan Shih-kai dollar which made its first appearance at the end of 1914. Since that time it has marched in triumph through the entire length and breadth of the huge country and its dependencies. The methods adopted at the various provincial mints where the Yuan Shih-kai dollar was struck differed somewhat from each other. In consequence there is a distinct want of uniformity, but nevertheless the legally fixed standard has been fairly well maintained and the coin itself passes everywhere in China without dispute.

DR. SUN YAT-SEN

In 1927 the National Government instructed the provincial mints at Hangchow and Nanking to cease coining the Yuan Shih-kai dollar and to produce instead a dollar piece with the effigy of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. An old die was used for this purpose, made in 1912 at Nanking for the purpose of producing the first Republican commemoration coin. During a portion of 1927 and the year 1928 about 150 million Sun Yat-sen dollars have been coined at Hangchow and Nanking. The National Government was making endeavours to procure suitable designs for a new Sun Yat-sen dollar which was meant to serve as a model for the intended introduction of a uniform dollar all over the country.

Apart from these specimens of Chinese dollars there are 11 different indigenous dollar coins known to exist which were created since 1912 in memory of auspicious events. These coins are of no concern as a medium of circulation and only destined to enrich the collection of numismatists.

THE SHANGHAI MARKET

The cost of producing Chinese dollars has been indicated as Shangha tael 0.727984. The particular from which this constant results emanated from the Nanking mint authorities. However I venture to doubt their accuracy since the mint does not cease work whenever the price of dollar falls below the figure of 0.728 Shangha tael. In March of 1926, for instance, the Nanking mint was working, although dollars were then priced at 0.718 on the Shanghai market. As I have shown in my book ("The Curiosities of China," Kelly & Walsh Ltd., Shanghai, 1927) full-weight dollar coins with the legally prescribed fineness cost to produce 0.70811 Shangha tael. To this figure has to be added the cost of minting, interest, freight and incidental expenses.

It now remains to give particulars relative to the composition of the dollar coins current in China.

GROSS WEIGHT

Mexican dollar 417.9 grains
American trade 417.9 grains
Mexican dollar 417.9 grains

SOVIET RESENTS U.S. NOTE

DOES NOT LIKE KELLOGG PACT REMINDERS

"HOSTILE ACTS"

Moscow, Yesterday. M. Herbet, the French Ambassador, visited M. Litvinoff to-day in order to hand him a communication from the Rumanian Government in connection with the action of Mr. H. L. Stimson, the U.S. Secretary of State, reminding Moscow and Nanking of their Kellogg Pact.

M. Litvinoff refused to accept the communication, and declared that as the Sino-Russian dispute was almost completely settled, all statements about joining with Mr. Stimson's action were aimless,

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP

The annual football matches for the "Sunday Herald" Charlotte Cup will be played tomorrow and Thursday at Happy Valley.

To-morrow Portugal and China will meet and on Thursday England will play against Scotland.

It is anticipated that record gates will be obtained.

and could only be considered as a hostile demonstration.

Conference Concludes

Mukden, Yesterday. It is learned from a Russian source that the Harbovsk Conference has concluded.

It was decided to hold a formal conference in Moscow on January 25, 1930.

Chinese Amazed

Nanking, Yesterday. Chinese authorities express amazement regarding reports that the Manchuria authorities in any way prevented the international train proceeding to the Siberian-Manchurian border. Officials emphatically declare that military measures by the Soviet troops were responsible for the inability of the train to proceed to its desired destination.

China is most desirous that neutrals visit the zone, which was ravaged by wanton raids of Soviet troops, and that neutrals make known to the world the responsibility of the Soviet in invading China.

HOME AIR MAIRS

	Gross weight	Fineness	Content of fine
Mexican dollar	417.9	silver	877.14 grains
American trade	417.9		0.92035/72
Mexican dollar	417.9		0.900
American trade	417.9		0.890
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ese territory, and violating the Kellogg Pact."—Reuter.

The Mongol Republic

Tokyo, Yesterday. The project for a new Mongol Republic, under Soviet encouragement, in the district of Barga, is reported in official despatches from Harbin and Mukden. This proposal is likely further to complicate the vexed C.E.R. situation.

Apparently, according to trustworthy information reaching Japanese officials, the Young Mongol Republic, in the district of Barga, is reported to occupy the November invasion to occupy towns deserted by the Chinese. Hence Hallar is at present held, not by Soviet regulars, but by Mongols with Russian and Burmese officers, and Russian arms. A partial confirmation of this is the Russian statement at the Harbovsk conference that Hallar is occupied by Mongol Russians, and they are unable to compel its evacuation.

The Governor of Heilungkiang has reported the Barga situation to Mukden, and Chang Hsueh-liang has despatched several Mongol princes, acknowledging his overlordship, to Barga to attempt to head off the independence movement.

Japanese opinion is that Soviet officials may be encouraging the Barga development in order to strengthen their claim that the Chinese are unable to maintain peace in the C.E.R. zone. Hence the Soviet may claim that they must share in policing the railway when the question arises at the coming C.E.R. conference at Moscow.

This Committee believes that this may be "the last opportunity of the British Government to acquire the support of all the saner and more responsible elements of Indian opinion," and hopes that, in combination with the ideas of the Statutory Commission and Indian Central Committee, there may be found a solution to the grave and very intricate problems.

LARGER ELECTORATE

The Indian Committee details the recommendations of provincial autonomy and the allocation of respective functions to Governors and Governor-Generals, and requires the present electorate to be doubled immediately, and the whole of the adult population compulsorily enfranchised by 1931. It recommends the abolition of communal electro-rates, except in the case of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and depressed classes, and alludes to the widespread belief that the British Army would be maintained as a weapon to keep India in subjection. Therefore, it recommends "an experiment" that the Provincial Governments be granted the right to raise a local army and maintain internal security.

Regarding the Central Government, the Committee proposes that all subjects except for the defence of India and foreign relations, should be transferred to the control of ministers responsible to the legislature. Without the Governor-General's sanction, the legislature would be incompetent to deal with the public debt, public revenues, religious affairs, British defence forces and foreign relations, and recommends that the India Office transfer to the Government of India the power to raise loans to recruit the services, and says that the Secretary of State should be assisted by two Indian Undersecretaries, the least one of whom should sit in Parliament. Finally, that a Military Council and a Supreme Court should be established in India.—Reuter.

RECONCILIATION TRIED

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The Viceroy accordingly invited them to meet him at Viceregal House to-day. The meeting was additionally important, as the All-India Congress opened at Lahore on Thursday, to consider the action to be taken by the Congress Party in view of its decision at the beginning of the year to start a campaign of civil resistance to British rule. A Dominion status is not granted by the end of the year.

EXPLODED TOO SOON

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THE INDIAN MENACE DEMAND FOR HOME RULE

VICEROY BOMBED

LORD & LADY IRWIN ESCAPE INJURY

New Delhi Yesterday. The Conference between the Viceroy and the Indian Nationalist leaders this afternoon broke down on the main question of Dominion Status.

UNAWARE OF OUTRAGE

New Delhi, Later. Many local residents mistook the sound of the explosion for gun fire in honour of the Viceroy's return. Hence, when Lord Irwin arrived at the new Viceregal House, the Municipality was unaware of the outrage and presented an address.

Lord Irwin, replying, dealt with the fact that the centre of the Imperial rule had returned to Delhi, and paid tribute to the architects, Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker, whose work in New Delhi formed a worthy setting for the labours of those whose task it will be under Providence to achieve the full destiny of India among the Dominions of the Empire and trusting that the qualities of unity of design and beauty, joined to vigour in execution, may ever be reflected in the work of those who labour here in the service of India."

MESSAGE TO KING

London Yesterday. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Sir John Simon, regarding the New Delhi outrage, Capt. Wedgewood Benn read a message from the Viceroy to the King: "I regret to have to inform Your Majesty that an attempt was made this morning to wreck my train by exploding a bomb under it as we were approaching Delhi. Luckily, no harm was done and few of us realised what had occurred. I hope Your Majesty, therefore, will not be disturbed by exaggerated reports."

Capt. Benn added that he was sure that he was expressing the sentiments of the House in voicing his profound thanks that Lord and Lady Irwin and their staff providentially escaped injury from the dastardly outrage.

A VEILED THREAT

London, Later. The Indian Central Committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Sankar Annadri, formed last year from the Indian legislature working in co-operation with the Simon Commission, has issued a report laying down "India's minimum demands"—firstly, an explicit declaration that the full Dominion Status of India is the goal at which the British Government aims; secondly, the immediate substantial step towards it by conferring on Province a liberal measure of autonomy, and making the Government of India responsible to the legislature; finally, that the Government of India Act is amended to enable Dominion Status to be achieved without further enquiries from the Statutory Commissions etc.

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TRAIN SEAKEN

Lord Irwin and his staff were returning to Delhi at the conclusion of a successful tour of the leading Indian states. A bomb placed on the rails exploded as the train passed over. The whole train was considerably shaken, but nevertheless arrived at Delhi punctually.

It is thought that the outrage was an attempt to sabotage the conference with the Nationalist leaders.

The train was travelling at 50 miles an hour in a thick fog two miles outside New Delhi station. The welcome party, when they heard the detonation, at first attributed it to a fog signal. A medical officer aboard the train first discovered the disaster to the restaurant car, which was immediately behind the Viceregal coach. Lord Irwin, viewed the damage, and chatted with the injured attendant, and the train proceeded to New Delhi without stopping.

Apparently the bomb was exploded electrically from a distance of 2½ miles. To-day was the anniversary of a similar attempt 17 years ago, when Lord Hardinge was making a State entry into Delhi.

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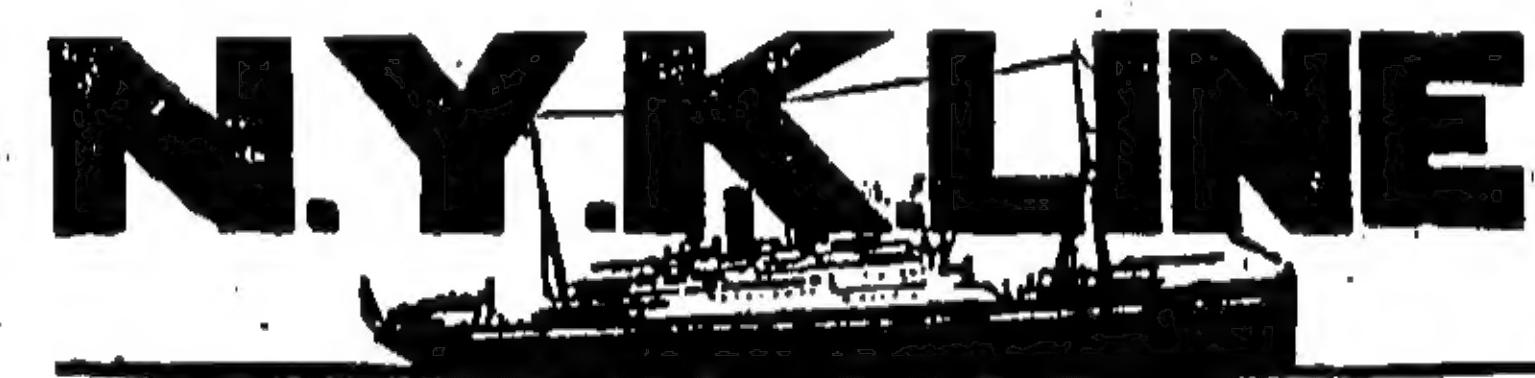
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Southampton.—The pilferage of goods in transit is a vexed question as far as the shipowner and shippers are concerned, and it was therefore an appropriate topic of discussion at the luncheon meeting of the Southampton Master Mariners' Club. The speakers, without exception, gave their candid opinions as to the best methods of dealing with the problem, and it was a matter of satisfaction to hear Southampton mentioned as a port where pilfering was not too prevalent and where the Dock Police were carrying out invaluable work in endeavouring to stamp it out.

Captain W. V. J. Clarke, D.S.C., who opened the discussion, said that pilferage of goods in transit was a very serious consideration not only from the point of view of the ship-

owner, but whenever there is an outbreak we feel that we have to return to these special expensive precautions to prevent the bad practices growing again into a habit. Another point on which we laid great stress, and which was carried into effect when acting jointly with the Chamber of Commerce, was that the claims do not arise on the ship, and if had pilferage is to be stamped out it needs the same care and precautions on the part of every concern handling the goods from the warehouse to the ship, and from the ship to the warehouse at the other end."

Captain S. N. Braithwaite, M.R.E., the "captain" of the club, brought the discussion to a close, and he so doing said the Dock Police at Southampton had a good system. Unfortunately pilferers who were caught did not usually receive the punishment which their offence deserved, for in the majority or cases it could be taken for granted that a man was rarely caught the first time, and more likely than not had done the same thing dozens of times before. The great evil about pilfering was that if ships of a certain company were losing cargo to any appreciable extent, then there was a distinct likelihood of them losing the future carriage of similar goods, which would in preference be forwarded in another bottom.

It amounted, therefore, to the statement that pilferage might quite conceivably lose them their jobs. It was essential that the commanders and officers of ships should endeavour to defeat the results of lack of honesty.

In looking round for the reason for this pilferage, he had come to the conclusion that there was something

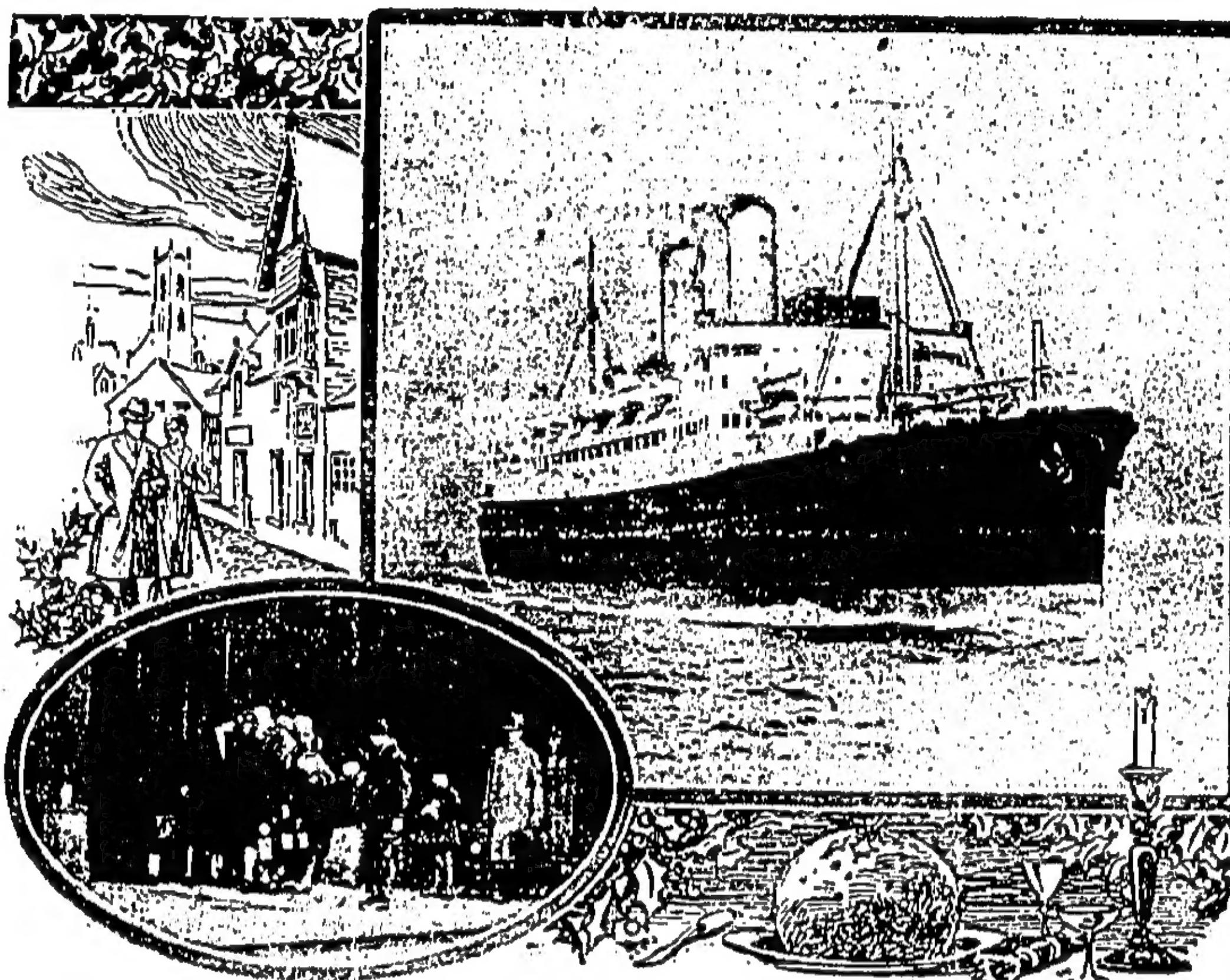
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Home For Christmas



Mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, real English plum pudding, Tom Smith's crackers, the wafts, the piping treble of young carol singers, the joyous Christmas pool of the 'Bells of St. Martin's, poulterers' shops with their rows of bo-ribboned turkeys, the homey, foggy atmosphere of England on a slightly frosty Christmas morning—and the myriad other recollections of Dickens' conception of Christmas at home are the beacons that guide many

Britons homeward in late November and early December.

From prairie farmstead, British Columbia, fruit farm, the peach orchards of the Niagara Peninsula, and Durham, and from the lovely country of Evangeline a steady stream heads towards Saint John, N.B., whence the Christmas ships sail.

This year five Canadian Pacific ships were detailed for the Christmas movement:—"Minnedosa" November 26,

wrong with the moral fibre of the people of the country. Pilferers were not in the least concerned with the economic consequences of their act to industry, but were merely concerned for themselves. The only method effectively to counter pilferage was by absolute honesty of those in charge and unceasing vigilance.

Captain J. King, R.D., R.N.R., had contributed to the debate. Captain Irvin, Haywood, R.D., R.N.R., expressed the opinion that the pilferage of cargo was a ghastly crime.

Captain E. I. T. McEwan, said the solution to the problem was to make pilferage increasingly difficult. It was, for instance, nothing like so prevalent in enclosed docks like Southampton. At the same time it was essential that there should be some efficient method of watching cargo whilst it was being discharged thereby taking no chance with regard to a man's honesty.

Captain L. G. King, R.N.R., said that whilst it had been stressed that docks in many places ought to be guarded more securely, it must not be overlooked that the mischief had then already been done. When cargo was pilfered the shipowners had to bear the brunt of matters, and the blame finally seemed to descend upon the commander and officers of the ship from which the goods were stolen. Quite frequently there were two officers in a ship watching the discharge of cargo from five holds without anybody to assist them, and quite naturally their attention could not be directed everywhere at one time. For that reason he was of opinion that shipowners might with advantage employ reliable watchers in each hold, as the cost would be small as compared with what was paid to the insurance company for the breaking of cargoes.

The Only Cure
Captain Clarke then read an extract from a letter from the Ellerman and Bucknall Co., Ltd., in which the writer said:—"The point I think above all which I like to emphasize in regard to pilferage and shortage claims is that when there is any excess, then the best and I think the only real cure is to put on an excess of watching and tallying. Those were the chief recommendations of the Pilferage Committee of the Chamber of Shipping, of which I was chairman some years ago. They were also the means whereby claims were reduced in twelve months from an average running into thousands of pounds per steamer, to one-tenth of that amount."

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TALMA	10,000	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SHIRALA	7,841	8th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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MANTUA	10,940	3rd Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
NELLORE	6,883	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
SKIDDERPORE	5,824	16th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
KARMAKA	6,123	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
SHIRALA	7,841	18th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yama.
KASHMIR	6,885	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Captain N. Hardie, of the "Luchow," is on reserve.

Captain C. Mather, of the Soochow, has gone master, Luchow.

Captain J. T. J. Layton, from reserve, has gone master, Soochow.

Captain D. Lupton, of the Kwang-chow, has gone master, Fatshan.

Captain C. P. Miller, of the Fatshan, has gone master, Kweliyang.

Captain J. Pringle, of the Ichang, has gone master, Chedling.

Captain E. D. Penhale, of the Chekiang, has gone master, Ichang.

Mr. J. Whyte, chief officer, Fatshan, has gone second officer, Chedling.

Mr. E. G. Thomas, chief officer, Kwangtung, has gone chief officer, Fatshan.

Mr. W. T. D. Murphy, from reserve, has gone second officer, Chinkiang.

Mr. E. Hardman, second officer, Chinkiang, is on reserve.

Mr. D. E. Brown, chief officer, Wutung, has gone chief officer, Luchow.

Mr. W. P. Bruce, chief officer, Luchow, has gone chief officer, Wutung.

Mr. E. L. Hurley, chief officer, Newchwang, has gone chief officer, Linan.

Mr. J. Robinson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Newchwang.

Captain F. J. le Bottillier, from Home leave, has gone master, Haikwang.

Captain J. C. Daily, of the Fukwang, is on reserve.

Captain A. V. Harcourt, from reserve, has gone master, Fukwang.

Mr. J. D. Craig, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Woosung.

Mr. C. Gray, chief engineer officer, Newchwang, has gone chief engineer officer, Chinkiang.

Mr. P. A. Maitland, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Shantung.

Mr. T. L. Mitchell, second engineer officer, Taming, is on reserve.

Mr. F. J. Tonry, from Home leave, has gone second engineer officer, Taming.

Mr. A. Andrew, from Home leave, has gone extra second engineer officer, Kweliyang.

Mr. J. P. J. Maher, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Taling.

No further news has reached the agent of the ill-fated "Lee Cheong" and the worst fear—that every one on board has perished—is now confirmed.

Immediately on the return of the two survivors, whose graphic story was reported exclusively in the "China Mail" yesterday, the agents have sent out a launch to scour that part of the water where the ship had sunk in the hope of picking up others who might be fortunate enough to have secured a raft or a lifeboat, but none was found.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

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Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1929.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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A Merry Christmas! Once again the age-long wish will be re-echoed in every home from every heart in Hong Kong at midnight. We have no "white" Christmas so far as snow and frost are concerned. But in the purity of our thoughts and the sincerity of our wish we can make it a truly "white" Christmas for ourselves and all around us.

Although the Christmas season had been "denied" of much that was in time past considered obligatory to a proper observance of the feast, the gift of the spirit still remains with us, and after all, that is the essential principle. If by some evil chance the fundamental religious significance were to be entirely eliminated from the festival, the fact that here is a breathing-space, or short interlude, in the common round of "getting and spending," of laying "waste our powers," inclining us rather to a consideration of the claims of others, than a too complete concentration on our own personal affairs, would alone make the great feast one of ethical importance in the fleeting years that constitute the brief span which is our life here below. And it is above all, the children's festival. A Christmas without children would be as dismal a failure as a plum pudding without the plums, or, if you like, a comedy without material like "Hamlet" without the philosophic Dame.

This Micawberish reference naturally recalls the memory of Charles Dickens, than whom no man ever did more to enhance

"the deep spiritual significance of the Christmas goose," as the late Locker-Lampson pleasantly put it. One might almost say that with the death of Dickens, Christmas, as a domestic institution, or saturnalia "en famille" fell into a sort of slow decline. Assuredly there are no such heroic repasts, such ultra-convivial gatherings, in these degenerate days of gastronomic moderation, as those recorded by "Boz" when his exuberant altruism vented itself in the pages of his "Christmas Books," and other notable volumes. With the elder among us, Christmas is rather a season of self-communing and remembrance. There are flowers that yield a sweeter fragrance as the day declines and the shadows lengthen on the everlasting hills; and with the coming of the night are the immutable stars, and one, the brightest of them all, that burns eternal in the East, whence Hope came into the world.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lieut. F. M. Butler, Royal Scots, is being posted to the 2nd Battalion at Tientsin, from the 1st Battalion now at Aldershot.

Captain W. H. Williams, M.C., R.A.S.C., who recently left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom, is retiring at an early date.

Captain F. C. Marritt, Royal Artillery, who is at present serving in Singapore, will be posted to Hong Kong early in February.

A fine of \$15 was yesterday imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith on a lorry driver, for cutting in front of two other vehicles when driving out of Gascoigne Road into Nathan Road.

A lorry driver yesterday pleaded "guilty" before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, to a charge of failing to report an accident, after colliding with a bus in Waterloo Road. He was fined \$10.

A splendid display of Christmas decorations and Christmas fare is to be seen in the window of the Kowloon branch of the Dairy Farm. The display has attracted great attention from shoppers and ordinary passers-by. It includes sucking pigs, roast beef, legs of mutton, and even the ordinary sausage made to look far from ordinary. Memories of the Home's shop at Christmas are revived, thanks to the artistic taste of Mr. J. W. Blackley, the branch manager.

The Committee of the Benevolent Society announced that the dividend amount of \$420 was the result of the Bridge and Mat Tong Drive held on December 10. Thanks are extended to Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., Keenally & Co., A. G. Wilson & Co., and W. H. White. The Chinese Hotel, Shun Lee, Shun Lee, the Shun Lee, and the Chinese May Institute, also to Mr. A. T. D. Tracy, Mrs. McKichan, Mr. T. D. Tracy, Mr. P. St. John, and Mr. J. W. Blackley, for their valuable contributions to the success of the

From the Java-China-Japan Ltd., N.Y., the "China Mail" has received a useful office calendar for 1930.

The "China Mail" has received Christmas greetings from the Far East Aviation Company and the Club Luisadado.

The Dollar Steam Ship and the American Mail Lines send the "China Mail" a beautiful painting of "The Gipsy Dance."

The first meeting of the newly constituted Harbour Board was held in the Board Room of the Harbour Office yesterday afternoon. Pressmen were not admitted.

On enquiry yesterday, we learn that Mr. R. H. Charles, who had a bad spill at the Kwanti course on Sunday, is making good progress, although confined for the present to his bed.

For failing to provide his vehicle with two independent and efficient brakes, the Chinese driver of a motor lorry was yesterday fined \$30 by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy. Another lorry driver who had one inefficient brake was fined \$20.

Captain J. A. Agnew Wallace has been appointed Adjutant to the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, now stationed at Tientsin. His recent appointment, notified a short time ago, as Adjutant of the 88th Battalion of the same regiment, has now been cancelled.

A Christmas treat to the poor, under the care of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, was held yesterday at the C.Y.M.S. Club, at which His Lordship, Bishop H. Valorta presided. After tea, money, blankets, and toys were distributed to more than 200 dependants of the Society.

Early yesterday morning, three men, armed with revolvers and daggers, raided the top floor of 55, Bonham Strand West. The only inmates were two young Chinese women who were overpowered without difficulty. The raiders, who got through the roof, made a haul of jewellery worth \$381, and quietly departed.

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MORE FOR UNEMPLOYED**The Cost Of Higher Benefits****INSURANCE AT 15****Dissatisfaction Of Left Wing Socialists****HIGH DEMANDS**

The Government's proposals with regard to unemployment insurance—disclosed by the issue of the text of the bill, with accompanying memoranda—will involve the State in the expenditure, next year, of a further £12,000,000.

Despite the concessions involving this heavy addition to the taxpayers' burdens, the Left wing members of the Socialist party are dissatisfied with the bill. They are likely to denounce the measure in Parliament, although it is considered improbable that they will carry their opposition into the division lobby.

One objection raised is that the demand for an allowance of 20s. a week for every unemployed man, 10s. for a wife, and 5s. for each child is not conceded.

Most of the money now to be provided will be expended not on raising the rates of benefit, but on the extension of the transitional period.

Briefly stated, the main provisions of the bill and the cost to the Exchequer are:

REVISION OF BENEFITS

	£ per ann.
Lowering of the age for the commencement of insurance from 16 to 15, to cost (with administration)	100,000
Increased benefits for young persons	370,000
Higher allowances for adult dependants	1,750,000
The "transitional period for payment of benefit to persons not possessing the 30 contributions qualification is to be extended by a further year.	
The cost of this extension, and also the cost of the similar extension of the transitional period under the Act of 1927, will be borne by the Exchequer, and not by the Unemployment Fund	8,500,000

Seeking Work

The present statutory condition that claimants for benefit must prove that they are genuinely seeking work and unable to obtain suitable employment is repealed.

Before a claimant can be disqualified for failing to take steps to obtain employment, the onus is placed upon the administrative authorities of proving that employment suitable for him was available.

When the provisions of the bill are fully in operation they will involve, on the basis of the present level of unemployment, additional benefit at the rate of £12,000,000 per annum—a total of £24,500,000, compared with £12,000,000 provided in the Estimates for 1929-30.

In view of the magnitude of the new financial commitments into which the Government have entered, or are proposing to undertake in the near future, M.P.'s were asking "Where is all the money to come from?" It was a severe shock to many members to discover that the Exchequer will have to find £12,500,000 more for unemployment insurance next year.

While Mr. Snowden will be criticised in various quarters of the House for having agreed to this vast additional charge on the taxpayers, there is evidence that the Government will have to face an expression of bitter discontent on the part of a section of Socialists who have been pressing for an all-round increase in the rates of benefit. It is stated that demands of the Socialist Left Wing have conceded a further expenditure of £11,500,000 would have been entailed, and the charge on the Exchequer for unemployment insurance in the coming year would have risen to the gigantic sum of £36,000,000. The Left Wing demand has been for the following amended benefits:

£1 instead of 17s for a man over 21 years of age.
10s instead of 7s for a wife or other adult dependant.
5s instead of 2s for each child.

Left Wing Revolt

The Socialists on the Left Wing will insist on their demands when the bill comes before the House for the second reading. No decision has yet been arrived at to put down a hostile amendment.

The whole question of the action to be taken on the bill will be considered. The probability is that the section of members concerned will content themselves with denouncing the Government's proposals as being unsatisfactory and will not carry their revolt into the action of voting against the bill.

On England and Wales expenditure on all social services increased from £29,266,114 in 1921 to £39,256,114 in 1928. In 1921 the expenditure was £20,125,831, and in 1928 it was £29,250,872.

FATHER CHRISTMAS IN KOWLOON**TREAT FOR THE BAIRNS AT THE DOCK****A FINE ENTERTAINMENT**

Nearly a hundred children of all ages assembled in the reading room of the Kowloon Dock yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, to welcome Father Christmas. The utmost merriment prevailed and the kiddies enjoyed themselves as only kiddies can.

The early part of the afternoon was devoted to games with an interval for tea in the carpenters' loft. And a hearty and noisy tea it was.

There next followed a first-rate concert given by the children themselves under the direction of Mrs. Mackie. The large number of adults present, including Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company, thoroughly enjoyed this entertainment. A feature was the eightsome reel and sword dance by Mr. Mackie's Real Class to the accompaniment of the bagpipes.

The following was the programme:

To-day — Queen's Theatre, "Broadway, Melody."
To-day — Star Theatre, "Spit Marriage."

To-day — World Theatre, "Harold Lloyd Comedies."
To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Speedy."

To-morrow — Queen's Theatre, "This is Heaven."

To-morrow — Star Theatre, "The Kid," and "A Sailor Made Man," (special Matinee), at 2.30 p.m.

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Dec. 30 — At 2.30, The Peak (5, Stewart Terrace) household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Jan. 4-5 — New Territories Agricultural Show, at Shek Wu Hui (near Sheung Shui Railway Station).

SHADOWS BEFORE**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"****SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

To-day — Chief and Petty Officers' Recreation Room, H.M. Dockyard, Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

To-day — Repulse Bay Hotel Christmas Eve Carnival, 8.30 p.m.

Dec. 26 — Boxing Day Carnival at Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

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Jan. 6 — St. George's Ball.

Jan. 10 — Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

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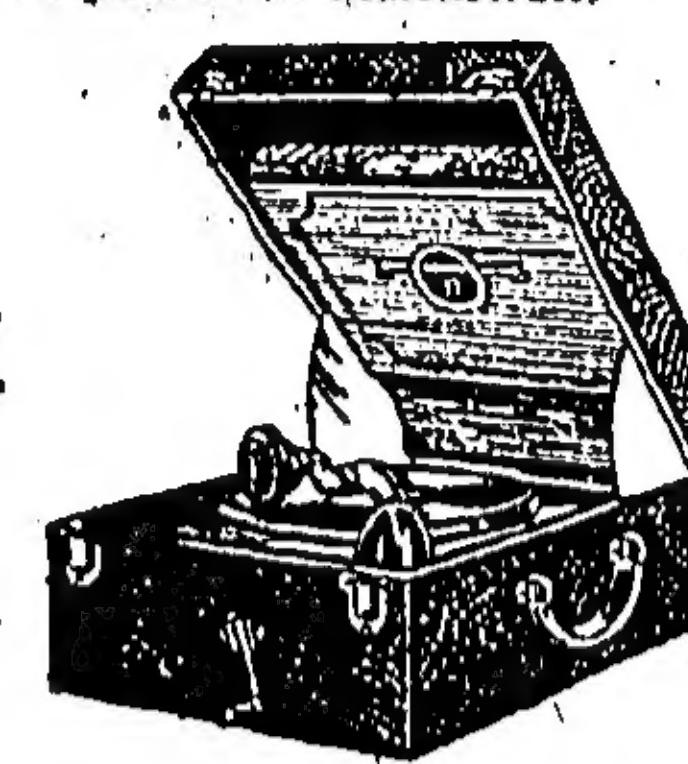
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1 qt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy	1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy
2 qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky	1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy
	1 phial Pomeranian Bitters

No. 2 HAMPER — \$38.

1 qt. Guillemins Champagne	2 qts. Tawny Dry Port
1 qt. D.O.M.	2 qts. St. Julian Claret
1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy	1 qt. Vino de Pasto Cherry
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1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy	1 qt. Barrando's XXX Brandy
1 qt. Pomeranian G.P.	1 qt. Amontillado Sherry
1 qt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
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MR. INSTONE BREWER IN COURT

EVIDENCE OF OFFICIAL RECEIVER

NO MONEY FOR LOANS

At the resumed hearing of the case against Mr. Noel Instone Brewer, charged with alleged offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances, in connection with the financial position of the Instone Banking Corporation, in liquidation, of which he was President, Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham yesterday afternoon took evidence with regard to the two mortgages on the bank building in Des Voeux Road, the first for \$150,000 on April 12, 1928, and the other for \$20,000 on October 1, 1928.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz, Official Receiver, and Liquidator of the Instone Banking Corporation, said that a winding up order was made on June 10 last, and since that time witness had been engaged in investigating the affairs of the bank.

Referring to the balance sheet, Mr. Agassiz said he found that the amount of capital stated as \$1,133,000 had not been allotted. In arriving at this conclusion he considered the forms of allotment. He found that five per cent. was payable on application in cash, but it did not appear from the books that anything had been paid on application. The natural conclusion was that the applications were bad.

Mr. Agassiz said he also found that a transfer had been made from Capital Account to Allotment Suspense Account out of the \$1,133,000. Other items were so transferred to that account before the date of the balance sheet, and amounts previously debited to shareholders had been re-credited to them.

Referring to the statement of affairs sworn by Mr. Brewer before him, in July last year, Mr. Agassiz said page 2 referred to contributions. That was a statement of the share capital, but there was no reference in it to the \$1,133,00 capital.

Never Had Money for Loans

"The Company never had money to make loans," said Mr. Agassiz. He made a statement from the inspection of the books. In June or July, 1927, there was \$50,000 according to the cash book. It purported to make loans for \$761,000.

The value of the shares were dependent on the Company's assets. In the opinion of witness the shares were worth nothing. Collateral security, witness understood to be something independent of these shares which have even been paid for. The collateral security statement, continued witness, was absolutely incorrect in his opinion with the exception of the item relating to Chan Sze-chin.

Speaking about the balance sheet, Mr. Agassiz said it conveyed the impression that there was a prosperous banking business, a large amount of paid-up capital, customers' deposits in the neighbourhood of half a million dollars, liquid assets on short term call of three and half lakhs. At that time witness said the assets were sufficient to pay off creditors as distinct from shareholders.

Replying Mr. Davidson, witness agreed that in book-keeping there would be cross-entries by which each side of the balance sheet would be increased by a certain amount. If a thing is wrong in the books, however, it does not put it right when it is carried to the balance sheet. The books should have been put right before the balance sheets were made.

At the close of evidence, reference was made to the statement of the Supreme Court proceedings in connection with the bank's affairs, and then the Court adjourned until this afternoon.

THE YOUNG PLAN

U.S. Gratified At Result In Germany

Washington, Yesterday.—Mr. H. L. Stimson in the course of a daily talk to newspapermen, expressed gratification at the defeat of opposition to the Young Plan in Germany and said he still felt strongly that the Young Plan would prove beneficial to the general stabilisation of economic conditions in Europe. He also expressed pleasure at the settlement of the Sino-Russian difficulties.

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NAVAL CONFERENCE

Delegates Nominated By The Cabinet

Paris, Yesterday.—A Cabinet meeting to-day nominated the following delegates to the London Naval Conference: M. Briand, Leygues, Pietri (Cabinet Minister), M. Bléranc (Ambassador to London), French delegates, Massigli, head of the French service of the League of Nations; Moryset, Professor in School of Naval Warfare, and the Prince Minister's Chief to the Cabinet. The Cabinet also decided that the delegations will have the assistance of any special advisers whom the Chamber of Deputies might select.

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THE HOME BUDGET

Safeguarding Duties To Be Repealed

London, Yesterday.—With a view to "removing the industrial uncertainty regarding the procedure in the event of the silk, sugar, McKenna, and safeguarding duties being repealed at the next Budget," Mr. Philip Snowden stated in Parliament that he declined to anticipate the Budget, but he said that if the silk and sugar duties were repealed, some scheme of rebate would be devised to meet the position of holders of duty paid stocks.

Regarding the McKenna and safeguarding duties, the drawbacks on duty paid exports would continue to be paid. The Chancellor said he had already stated that the various safeguarding duties would not be renewed after the period for which they were imposed.—Reuter.

TRADE WITH SOVIET

Secretaries To Go To Moscow

London, Yesterday.—The Department of Overseas Trade announced that on the resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union it had been decided to re-establish the commercial diplomatic posts which terminated on the suspension of relations in 1927. Commercial secretaries of first and third grade would be stationed in Moscow. The former be Mr. G. P. Paton, Consul at Tamsui Formosa, and the later Mr. S. Simmonds, Vice-Consul at Constantza, Roumania. It was anticipated that they would take up duty in January or February.—Reuter.

FREE ICELAND

Campaign For Separation From Denmark

Oslo.—The Independence party in Iceland is agitating for a severance of the union between Iceland and Denmark from next year on the occasion of the 1,000th year of the Althing (Parliament).

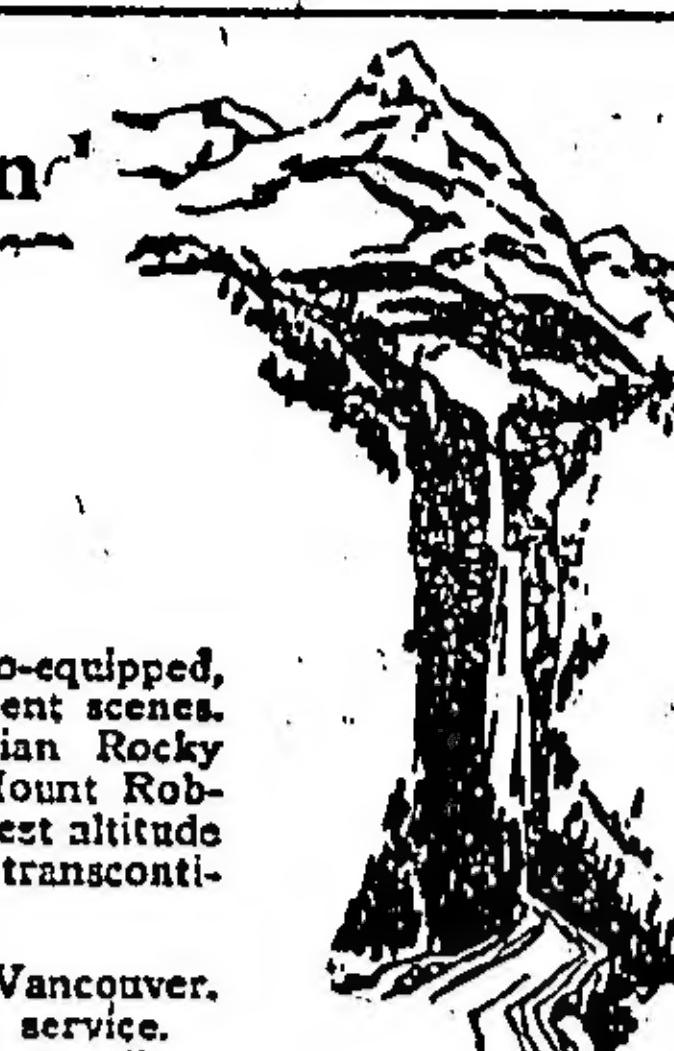
The existing union between Denmark and Iceland dates from 1918. According to the agreement Iceland is an independent State with a king in common with Denmark and Denmark in control of foreign representation. Denmark and Iceland give certain reciprocal privileges, including the right of Danes to fish in Icelandic territories. This latter arrangement is one of the causes for the Icelandic wish to separate as, it is maintained, no Icelander has any privilege in Denmark equal to the great economic advantage of free fishing.

The chief cause for separation is, however, the wish of Iceland to live up to the old tradition of the land. The Althing can declare in favour of a dissolution with a three-quarter vote. After the voting in the Althing a referendum must be arranged, at which three-quarters of the voters must vote and three-quarters of the total vote must be in favour of separation.

Mr. Sigurdur Eggerz, a former Prime Minister, who is in favour of independence, believes that the change would be to the benefit of both Denmark and Iceland.

One of the first acts of the Independence Party will be to pass a resolution requesting that Iceland should become a member of the League of Nations.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 24th December, 1929.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Price per share last year	Dividend	When Paid
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank ...\$	1320	...	...	121	Int. of 4% a/c 1929 at 1/11-80.15	Dec. Int. of 4% a/c 1929 at 1/11-80.15	Aug. 6, 29
.. (Lan. Reg.) ...\$	...	...	...	181	Int. of 7% a/c 1929 free	Int. of 7% a/c 1929 free	Sept. 29
Chartered Bank ...\$	...	...	...	801	Int. 1%	Int. 1%	Oct. 29
Mercantile Bk., Asb.l. ...\$	...	...	...	161	Int. 1% a/c 1929 free	Int. 1% a/c 1929 free	Oct. 18, 29
Do., C. L. ...\$	95	...	...	...	80 and bonus \$2 making \$4 for 1929	80 and bonus \$2 making \$4 for 1929	...
Bank of Asia ...\$	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. ...\$	...	...	...	995	Final of 8% for 1929	Final of 8% for 1929	May 28, 29
Union Ins. ...\$	350	...	...	...	Int. of 8% a/c 1929 - 8%	Int. of 8% a/c 1929 - 8%	May 24, 29
China Underwriters ...\$	920	...	...	...	Nil	Nil	...
China Fire Ins. ...\$	110	...	...	...	Int. of 8% a/c 1929 for 1929	Int. of 8% a/c 1929 for 1929	May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins. ...\$	...	...	...	815	Dividend of \$1 for 1929	Dividend of \$1 for 1929	Mar. 26, 29
Shipping.							
Douglas ...\$	...	...	...	251	...	...	...
H. K. Steamboats ...\$	271	...	271	...	Dividend of 4% for 1929	Dividend of 4% for 1929	Feb. 19, 29
Indo-China (Pref.) ...\$	...	...	...	16	Dividend of 12% a/c 1929	Dividend of 12% a/c 1929	June 10, 29
.. (Odf.) ...\$	...	...	...	70	Dividend of 12% a/c 1929	Dividend of 12% a/c 1929	...
Shell Transport ...\$	...	...	...	2710	Int. 2% Coupon No. 56 free	Int. 2% Coupon No. 56 free	Jan. 6, 29
Union Waterboats ...\$	...	...	...	92	Dividend of 8% a/c 1929 making \$4	Dividend of 8% a/c 1929 making \$4	June 31, 29
Mining.							
Benguet ...\$	470	...	...	...	Interim 15 dividends \$1/c 1929 making \$100	Interim 15 dividends \$1/c 1929 making \$100	Sept. 29
Kaitan Mining Ad. ...\$	...	...	...	551	Dividend of 12% a/c 1929 Nil 2% free 1/18 Comp. No. 54 for year 1929-30	Dividend of 12% a/c 1929 Nil 2% free 1/18 Comp. No. 54 for year 1929-30	May 10, 29
Langkat (Com.) ...\$	...	...	...	186.00	Oct.	...	...
.. (Single) ...\$	...	...	...	74	...	...	...
Shai Exploration ...\$	...	...	...	130	Dec. None	None	Feb. 20, 29
.. Loans ...\$	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Raubis ...\$	...	...	...	11.20	Mar. Int. 1/8 for year 51-30	Int. 1/8 for year 51-30	Dec. 12, 29
Tromoh Mines ...\$	...	...	...	211	Dec. Div. 4% per share less tax Coupon No. 91	Div. 4% per share less tax Coupon No. 91	Sept. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves ...\$	140	...	...	...	Div. of 8% Bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1929	Div. of 8% Bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1929	Mar. 7, 29
H. K. & W. Docks ...\$	923	...	...	91	...	...	...
China Providents ...\$	545	...	545	...	...	...	...
Hongkew ...\$	...	...	...	100	...	...	...
N. Engineering ...\$	...	...	...	74	Int. of 7% a/c 1929	Int. of 7% a/c 1929	Mar. 18, 29
Shanghai Docks ...\$	...	...	...	100	Apr. TL. 0.40 ordinary for 1929	TL. 0.40 ordinary for 1929	July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.							
Ewe Cottons ...\$	142	...	...	...	Dec. Interim of TL. 0.40 a/c 1929 making \$100	Interim of TL. 0.40 a/c 1929 making \$100	Aug. 23, 29
Shai Cotton (old)							

Sport Columns
TENNIS "STAR" WEDS
 Miss Helen Wills Does Not Say "Obey"

Berkeley, U.S., Yesterday. Helen Wills and Fred Moody were married at the picturesque little chapel of St. Clement, at the foot of the Berkeley Hills. The ceremony was of the simplest, only the bride's and bridegroom's parents and the bridegroom's brother and sister-in-law being present. The honeymoon is secret, but it is believed it will be spent on a private yacht. Miss Wills was very composed. The service did not contain the word "obey". The bride received hundreds of telegrams of congratulation from all over the world and masses of beautiful flowers from friends and well-wishers.—Reuter's American Service.

FOOTBALL
International Match On Christmas Day

The following will represent Portugal v. China in an International match on Christmas day: N. Boltraz; R. Silva-Neto, S. Souza; C. Roza-Pereira, A. A. Rosmeis; P. M. Xavier; B. Gosano, A. Ward, A. V. Gosano, L. A. da Rocha and J. Goncalves. Referee, C. Figueiredo and J. Santos.

League Matches To-day

Hong Kong League, Division II, kick-off 2.30 p.m.: K.O.S.B. Reserves v. R.A. Reserves, Sookunpoos ground. Referee, P. O. Mellow.

CRICKET
Club, Army And Navy

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the Army on December 26 and against the Navy on January 1 and 2, play to commence at 10.30 a.m.—T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, G. E. E. Dibett, O. Moor, H. J. Armstrong, H. V. Parker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, E. J. R. Mitchell and J. R. Hilton.

INDUSTRY IN U.S.
Banking System In Strong Position

Washington, Yesterday. The Federal Reserve Board's report states that industrial production declined in November for the fifth consecutive month, but the decline in employment was less than the decline in production.

The banking system is in a strong position, and prepared to meet the seasonal demands of coming weeks without much increase of money rates.—Reuter's American Service.

JAPANESE DIET
Adjourns Until The New Year

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Diet convened this morning and is formally opening, in the presence of the Emperor, on December 26, adjourning for the New Year recess the following day. It will be re-opened on January 21.

As the Seiyukai Party holds the majority in the Lower House by 239 members to 171 for the Minseito, it is freely reported that the Government has tentatively decided to dissolve the Diet about January 23, for the purpose of seeking a working majority at the polls. This will come after the Foreign and Finance Ministers have announced their policies, but some close observers think it likely that the Government will strive to postpone the dissolution till the London Naval Conference has been concluded, as a General Election during its progress would tend to distract the Government's attention.

Moreover, owing to the expense and disturbance to trade involved, many

LAWN TENNIS
Bowling Green v. Football Club Teams

Teams from the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Football Club played an interesting mixed doubles match on the former's courts on Sunday. The result was a draw, 72 games all.

PRACTICAL GOLF
The Back Spin With The Mashie

During dry weather it is always difficult to put sufficient "stop" on the ball in the approach shot with a mashie. This is the experience of even the most exact stroke players. To get the full result the turf must be soft enough for the ball to bite into it. But one must make the attempt.

There is always a little underspin imparted to the ball when played with the mashie but the amount is not enough for even ordinary purposes and though the stroke which I propose to explain is difficult it ought to be mastered. Correctly played it gives considerable personal satisfaction and it is most effective.

I hope all golfers realise that they must play through the ball with most clubs but in seeking to impart stop with the mashie it must be struck nearer to the centre than I imagine is appreciated.

The fault of most players is that they do not strike the ball near enough to the centre. They are apparently afraid of driving it into the ground, of smothering it, but the direction the club takes will prevent this.

The club should be taken slowly back with the left hand—pushed back—and on arriving at the top it should be pulled down with the same hand. Up to this point the right hand merely helps to guide the club but when it meets the ball it comes into the stroke. This action of the right hand is necessary otherwise instead of straightening out the club would be carried down into the ground.—Ceylon Observer.

CHINA AND JAPAN
The Opposition To Mr. Obata

Nanking, Yesterday. It is learned that the National Government will very shortly inform the Japanese Government that it is unable to agree to the appointment of Mr. Obata, in view of the objection of the Chinese people.

It is the opinion of influential non-Government quarters, that the opposition to Mr. Obata is not directed against the Japanese people. On the other hand, the Chinese people are anxious to strengthen friendly feelings between China and Japan, and sincerely hope the Japanese Government will soon name a Minister.—Reuter.

BRITISH CAPTIVE
Mr. Sandy Still In "Red" Hands

Shanghai, Yesterday. It now transpires that Mr. E. H. Livesley, one of two Wesleyan missionaries reported as being abducted at Tayan, near Hankow, last week, is not in hands of the "Reds," but is in Hankow. Mr. Sandy, however, is still a captive.—Reuter.

people consider it inadvisable to plunge the country into the throes of a General Election so soon after lifting the gold embargo, (which occurs on January 11). The immediate effects of this lifting of the embargo, it is urged, require careful attention.—Reuter.

SANITARY BOARD'S PROTEST
GOVERNMENT'S BAN ON POSTERS
UNOFFICIALS OFFENDED

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday, and an interesting question was raised as to the powers and status of the Board. The question arose out of the Government putting a ban on two health posters, which the members of the Board had designed after much consideration.

Addressing the meeting on this subject, Mr. W. J. Carrie, President of the Board, said that in September last the Board had considered certain coloured posters which they had thought it advisable to post in public places. The matter had been referred to the Government. The Government had now intimated that they did not consider the publication of these posters desirable, and that the education officers did not approve of their use in schools as their meaning was not plain without a good deal of verbal explanation. Therefore, at present, it was not proposed to publish the posters in question, but to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being and reconsider it later by a committee to be appointed by the Board.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said he would like to ask to what extent the recommendations of the Sanitary Board were going to be checked and vetoed by the Government and time wasted in this fashion. A matter was proposed, after careful consideration by the medical representative of the Board, and approved after full discussion by the Board as a whole. It was then sent to a Government Department where the whole scheme was vetoed.

Such a proceeding reduced the proceedings of the Board to a farce, and its recommendations to the level of the findings of a debating society. The members of the Sanitary Board were busy men. They took their duties and responsibilities as members of the Board, very seriously, they did not regard them as merely perfunctory. But if the recommendations of the Board were to be turned down on every question of importance the members would realise that the Board was not wanted. He wished to make this protest as a matter of principle.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that what Mr. Braga had expressed had passed through his own mind when he read the minutes of the proposal in question. He wanted to ask if it was any use for the Board, or a sub-committee such as Mr. Carrie had suggested, reconsidering the question at all.

He remembered that the original discussion on the matter had been adjourned more than once. The posters were passed by the then M.O.H. (Dr. Fawcett) who was very keen on their adoption, and approved by the whole Board.

There had been no hint at that time that the findings of the Board on this subject were to be submitted to a higher veto. All that the Board received was an intimation that the proposal had not been sanctioned.

If they reconsidered the proposal and made alterations, the same thing might happen again. He, for one, was not prepared to give time to reconsidering the matter as he felt that under the present conditions it would be waste of time.

The history of this affair had done no good to the authority and prestige of the Board. He felt that a fuller statement with regard to the action of the Government in this matter would be desirable.

Mr. Carrie replied that he thought both Mr. Braga and Mr. Lo were stressing the matter unnecessarily. Obviously the Government must have the final say in what it was proposed to post on Government property. He did not think that there was any slur on the decisions of the Board conveyed in the Government's veto.

He felt sure that if the sub-com-

mittee brought out any well worked up scheme of health propaganda, of which the Board as a whole approved, it would receive sympathetic consideration from the Government.

Other Business

The Board then dealt with other business on the agenda. With reference to the Shek Tong Tsui market stalls, Mr. Carrie said that the matter had arisen through two anonymous letters, one of which he received himself, and the other was addressed to the H. E. the Governor. Both letters complained of the way the market was run.

He had drawn up a memorandum which included a rearrangement of the stalls and the doing away with two of them. He proposed that his recommendations should come into force in three months time after due notice had been given to the stall holders, to give them opportunity of lodging a protest.

The President's memorandum was adopted.

CAMERA ARTISTS
Exhibition By Amateur Photographic Club

Mrs. M. B. Osman, wife of Dr. Osman, President of the Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club, distributed the prizes won by exhibitors in the second annual exhibition.

Harmless Simpleton

Mr. K. W. Khoo, secretary, delivered a short speech in which he said that an amateur photographer has always been regarded by the man in the street as a harmless simpleton and at worst a lunatic. But in reality an amateur photographer was a person who always came into close contact with the beautiful things of Nature, and was a friend of the simple villagers around the Colony.

The Prize Winners

Prizes were won by the following:

Advanced competition, (Open)

—Best Picture: "Autumn Ray," Mr. Midori Hirakawa, Award:

"Three Castles" Cup (presented by Messrs. British American Tobacco Co.).

Pictorial: —1st Prize, "Eucalyptil," Mr. P. A. Dragon, Award:

Gold Medal presented by the club;

2nd Prize, "Design," Mr. J. Kotwall, Award: Silver Medal (presented by the club).

Portraiture:—"Seven Eyes," Mr. A. Abbas, Award: Gold Medal (presented by Mr. B. Wylie).

Commercial:—"La Puerta del Sol," Mr. R. Pestonji, Award: Silver Medal (presented by Mr. Wylie).

Members: Best Picture: "Romance," Mr. A. A. Rumjahn, Award: Gold Medal (presented by the President Dr. M. B. Osman).

Pictorial:—1st Prize, "Outward Bound," Mr. N. K. Ann, Award:

Gold Medal (presented by the club); 2nd Prize, "Morn Dew," Mr. Alfred Lock, Award: Silver Medal (presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn); 3rd Prize, "Morning Shadows," Mr. K. W. Khoo, Award: Silver Medal (presented by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn); 3rd Prize, "Columns," Mr. Yeap Chong-yew, Award: Silver Medal (presented by the club).

Portraiture:—"Sonny Boy," Dr. M. B. Osman, Award: Gold Medal (presented by Mrs. W. T. Southorn).

Beginners' Competition, Open:

1st Prize, "The Team," Mr. Sum Shuk-ka, Award: 2C Kodak (presented by Messrs. E. Kodak Co., Hong Kong); 2nd Prize; "Ming Bowl," Mr. Chow Cheng-lun, Award: Ryotol developing outfit (presented by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co., Shanghai).

Members:—1st Prize, "Childhood and Old Age," Mr. V. Enok, Award:

Vest Pocket Kodak (presented by Messrs. A. Sek and Co., Hong Kong); 2nd Prize, "Ham Yee Kai," Mr. F. S. Fernando, Award: Ryotol developing outfit (presented by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co., Shanghai).

Advance, Hon. Mention:—Cloud and Sunshine, Wong Shing Hang;

The Arch, Glencairn, F. J. Tavares;

Sand Hill, S. Ikeda; Evening, P. A. Dragon; I'Apremid, P. A.

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COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY
STORAGE DECREASING IN ISLAND
CONSUMPTION STATIONARY

The "China Mail" is officially informed that the total storage in the island reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 1,373.33 million gallons, showing a decrease of 46.11 million gallons during the past week. The amount collected from streams was 1.63 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.74 million gallons.

In Kowloon

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on Monday morning amounted to 477.53 million gallons, showing a decrease of 5.76 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 25.8 million gallons, not including 1.69 million gallons supplied to water boats at Laichikok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 21.81 million gallons.

Storage

The following shows the amount in storage (million gallons) on the dates named:

Hong Kong Mainland

April 22	326.88	188.81
" 23	327.53	117.44
" 6	311.72	121.65
" 13	309.34	125.34
" 20	283.07	115.90
" 27	261.03	102.18
June 3	237.90	87.96
" 10	212.71	86.81
" 17	192.76	80.51
" 24	177.62	100.28
July 1	176.54	114.27
" 8	157.79	105.52
" 15	152.90	207.31
" 22	460.22	27.00
" 29	993.30	307.04
Aug. 5	1,251.88	438.58
" 12	1,161.94	442.36
" 19	1,014.62	462.35
" 26	1,078.13	467.90
Sept. 2		



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THE 300-EGG HEN

Consideration of
Practical Values

After 31 years of egg-laying trials, the quest of the 300-egg producer has yielded so brief a list of authentic instances in this country as to justify the interest aroused by the performance of a White Wyandotte hen in the 1928-29 National Laying Test, which laid 302 eggs during the 48 weeks of the test and completed the year with a total of 329, writes a correspondent of "The Times."

It would be an injustice to the breeder to class this hen as a freak, though, in the present state of our knowledge about poultry breeding, nutrition, and production, we may be disposed to scoff at these phenomenal records and deplore the tendency to exult in the spectacular in preference to the commercial ideal. But it would be more correct to regard such a hen as symptomatic of the advance which has taken place in the cultivation of laying character as a result of more than 30 years of breeding on pedigree principles; and, if we consider also that of 329 eggs not more than about 40 failed to reach the 2oz. grade, it will be appreciated that the symptom has a very healthy significance. Though the breeder may never attain such a record again, he has the satisfaction of knowing that his method has been correct, since the production of 329 eggs in a year (and not more than 40 below the first grade) is the most satisfactory proof that a consistent policy of breeding and selection yields steady and sometimes substantial progress beyond the limit of past attainment—provided always, of course, that the feeding and management enable the birds to exercise their faculties to the fullest extent.

The practical value of a 329-egg layer depends upon her powers of reproduction, and we are justified in assuming, from the remarkable stamina of this British hen, from the size of her eggs, and from her condition at the end of her laying year, that she possesses the inherent capacity to transmit her remarkable powers, more likely through the medium of her son than of her daughters. In many cases it has been shown that, where a very good layer has proved effective in the breeding pen, her character has been better reflected in the second generation, through the daughters of her sons than through her own daughters, though it is possible that one of the latter may inherit the mother's productive ability, in which case one has a strong guide to breeding policy. The aspiring breeder of limited experience may wonder whether a 300-egg hen is within the scope of his ability. It is if he preserves with a strain which shows consistent progress, and if he resists the temptation to breed for numbers without regard to size of egg. But whether the 300-egg record will do him any good will depend entirely upon whether his strain still presents a prospect of further progress, or even consolidation; or whether physical factors indicate that the limit of endurance has been reached.

THE ROSE TRADE

Modern Dutch & French
Methods

Paris.—A War of the Roses is raging on the Continent. The Dutch flower market is beginning very seriously to dispute the French trade in roses, the challenge being all the more grave since the Dutch flower-growing centre, Aalsmeer, is equipped with all the latest horticultural improvements.

In France roses are not grown in glasshouses. The summer trade is supplied by the Brie district, within thirty miles of Paris. When a plant is ready to flower it is protected by a movable glasshouse, which brings the blooms to perfection, a system which enables growers to send 85,000 bunches of a dozen roses each to Paris. The winter market is supplied by the South of France, where roses bloom all the year round except in July and August, when it is too hot. The pale yellow, pink-tipped roses of the Rivière are familiar all over Europe at Christmas time.

Such a system, however, is at the mercy of an occasional unexpected snap. The Dutch method provides for cultivation in hot-houses, where the roses bloom for ten months out of twelve, and the "rose factory" of Aalsmeer is giving French growers furiously to think.

Messrs. Saunders-Roe, of Cowes, are building a new flying boat amphibian for an air service which is to be started between Tasmania and Australia. The machine will be driven by two engines, and is so designed that it would be kept afloat by its wings if an air accident happened whilst crossing the sea.

PLOT TO STEAL
L'AIGLONSCHEME TO SELL REMAINS OF
NAPOLEON'S SON TO FRANCE

DEATH FOR BETRAYAL

A plan to steal the body of Napoleon's son, the Duke of Reichstadt, from the Capuchin crypt, where the bones of the Hapsburgs lie, and sell it to France, which has long vainly sought to obtain it by diplomatic means, has been disclosed by a confession of four young auto bandits arrested recently, states the "New York Times."

The youths held up a sugar factory payroll messenger, robbing him of \$2,000 in what Vienna newspapers called the "American fashion," and escaped with the booty after a mad chase in a stolen auto through Vienna streets, in the course of which one of them was slightly wounded on the shoulder by the sabre of a traffic policeman, whom they almost ran down.

When ultimately arrested, the youths revealed that their next attempt was to have been the theft of the body of the only son of the great Napoleon I. The body lies with that of his mother, Marie Louise of Austria.

As soon as he returned from Elba Napoleon demanded the return of his wife and son from Austria. This was refused while they were still alive and, although France almost fought a war to recover them in 1802, every demand for the removal had been denied.

France renewed the requests after the Great War, but Baron Streis, a Viennese lawyer for the Empress Zita, has refused them on her orders. Without her consent it is impossible even for the Austrian Government to compel the Capuchin fathers to transfer the sarcophagus and its embalmed contents to France.

The youthful bandits, features of whose organization were a blood oath, a death penalty for betrayal and establishment of an "unemployment dole" for lean periods, saw in this situation an opportunity for riches. They visited the crypt with other sightseers and, secretly measured the sarcophagus.

Next to the crypt is a bank building, one of the basement rooms of which is rented to a furrier. On discovering that this room was separated from the crypt only by a thin wall, the thieves had planned to break through it, extract the body from its sarcophagus, transfer it to a chest and ship it to France. The Capuchin fathers, although they deny that such a robbery would have been as easy as it looked, are now strengthening the wall and taking other precautions to make violation of the crypt impossible.

The son of Napoleon I, variously known as Napoleon II, L'Aiglon (the eagle) and as the Duke of Reichstadt, was born in Paris in 1811 and died at Schonbrunn, near Vienna, in 1832. After Waterloo Napoleon I abdicated in favour of Napoleon II, but the French Senate disregarded his request and called Louis XVIII to the throne. The title Duke of Reichstadt was granted by Emperor Francis of Austria, his grandfather. As an infant the Duke was proclaimed King of Rome.

Berlin has a number of taxi-drivers who can speak to foreign visitors in their own languages. They are henceforth to wear armlets indicating their linguistic capabilities.

The Bristol City Council has approved of a new markets and slum clearance scheme at a cost of half a million pounds.

BISHOP'S APPEAL
"Clergy Breaking Down
Through Overwork"

The Bishop of London has issued a letter to church people in his diocese. He asks for their support of the London Diocesan Fund in the "week of prayer and self-denial."

"If the Church in the diocese is to be maintained," he writes, "we must have an annual income of £65,000; if the Church in the diocese is to be extended we must have £75,000. We are £10,000 a year short for maintenance, and £30,000 a year short for extension."

"It means that the parochial work of the clergy is breaking down. There is not a poor parish in the diocese which is fully staffed. The clergy are breaking down through overwork. The vacant ranks of the ministry are not being filled, for we have not enough money to pay for the training of the many men who are anxious to offer themselves. We have never yet been able to give to the clergy what we are all agreed is the minimum stipend they should have. Saddest of all, we are not able to provide clergy and churches for the new districts growing so rapidly in the suburbs."

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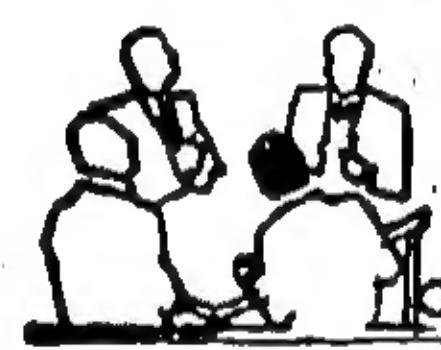
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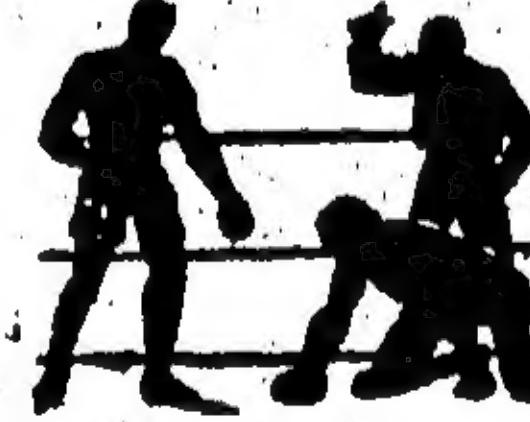
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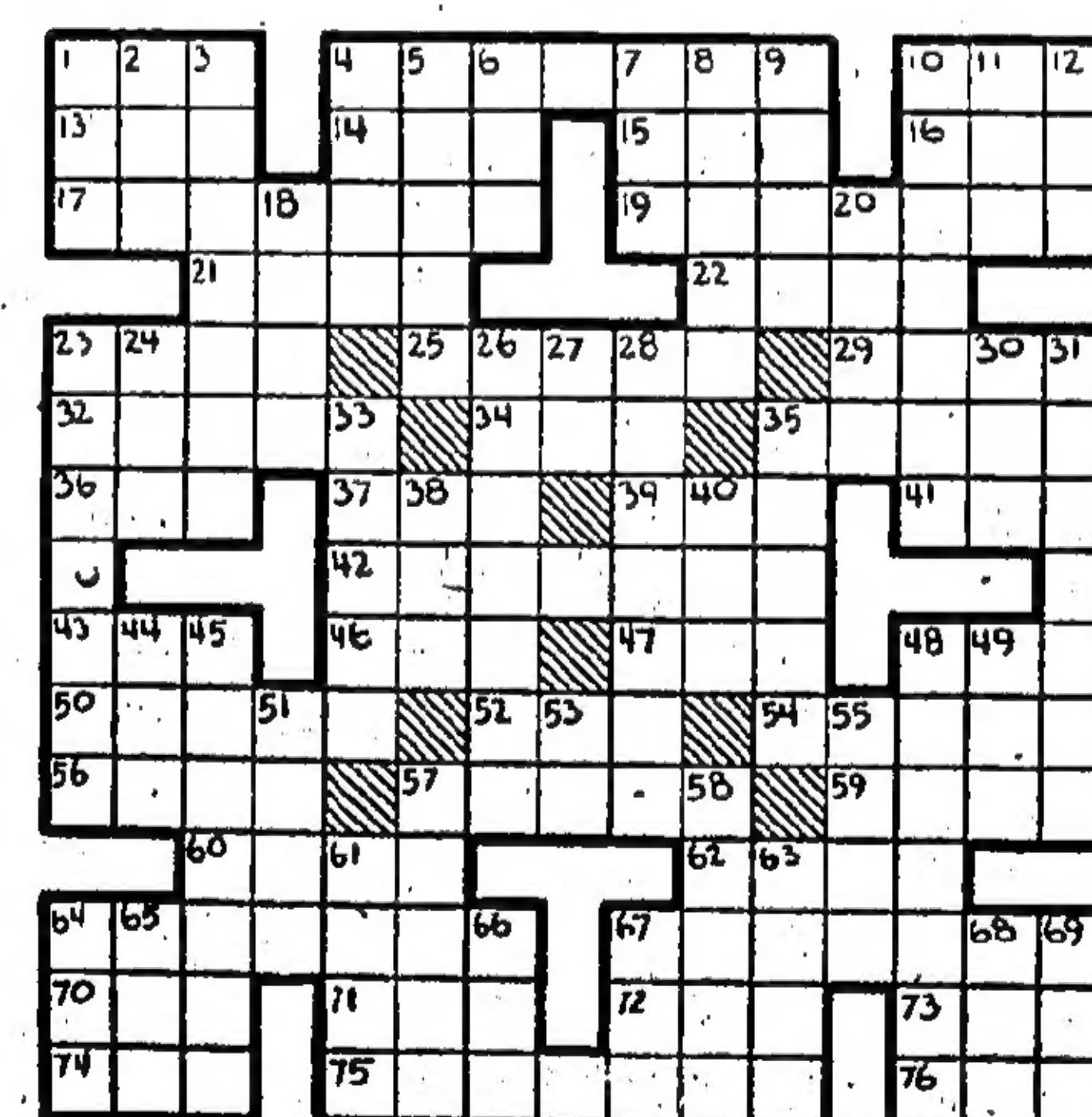
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho.*)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Nod
- 4-Groove
- 10-Perceived
- 13-S. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 14-Swiss river
- 15-Water (French)
- 16-Unit
- 17-Asking, as hides
- 18-Strained
- 21-To urge insistently
- 22-Table supports
- 22-Soon
- 23-Fur-bearing animal
- 23-Scraped skin
- 32-Sent
- 33-Sheltered side
- 35-Regenerate
- 36-Newspaper notices (abbr.)
- 37-Religion (abbr.)
- 39-Exist
- 41-Gazet of Tibet
- 42-Embellished
- 44-Industrial Works
- 45-The world (abbr.)
- 47-Girl's name
- 48-A label
- 50-Vegetable
- 52-Magie
- 54-Daughter of a sister
- 56-Approve
- 57-Prove
- 58-Value
- 59-Name
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- 73-Name
- 74-Name
- 75-Name
- 76-Name

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 59-Terrible (simplified spelling)
- 60-Manner of walking
- 62-Never (contr.)
- 64-An open boat
- 67-Windflower
- 70-High hill (Eng.)
- 71-Compass point (abbr.)
- 72-To make void (simplified spelling)
- 73-Beam
- 74-Yard
- 75-Condition of abnormal dryness of a part
- 76-Perceive

VERTICAL

- 1-Winged mammal
- 2-Girl's name
- 3-Opening in wall for admission of light
- 4-Brother of Abel
- 5-Dopants
- 6-Silver (chem. sym.)
- 7-Educational Education
- 8-Admission (abbr.)
- 9-Bird of prey
- 10-Water
- 11-Intimate
- 12-Name
- 13-Marry
- 14-Number

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-Amorous look
- 22-Forsake
- 24-Bow
- 25-Conceded
- 27-Exist
- 28-Tilting
- 30-Combining form
- 31-Played on stringed instrument by plucking
- 33-Continuous leak
- 34-Boy's name (abbr.)
- 34-Color
- 35-Continuing suffix
- 36-Promiscuous falls
- 38-Intolerable
- 39-High card
- 41-Verbal
- 43-Egyptian sun-god
- 45-The same
- 47-Make amends
- 48-Feeling of listless weariness
- 49-Shrubs of the family
- 51-Elongated flat
- 52-Ligament
- 53-Iron implement
- 55-Common labor
- 56-Adult or adult-like case

RADIO TOPICS



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 49 metres:-
1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
5-5.30 p.m.—Programme of Victor & H.M.V. records supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie, Ltd.

"New Moon"—Selection (Romberg). "Wake up and dream!"—Selection (Porter)

New Mayfair Orchestra. "Valse Mystérieuse" (Meale). "Souvenir Di Valentino" (Wood) Arthur Meale. "Wedding of the painted Doll" (Brown). "My flame of Love" (Nicholls). "Minuet in G" (Beethoven). "Faust" Waltz (Gounod).

"If I didn't miss you" (Endor and Steinberg). "I've always wanted to call you my Sweetheart" (Endor, Steinberg & Ward).

Gracie Fields, Comedienne. 5.30-6 p.m.—Children's Programme.

6-7 p.m.—Programme of Victor & H.M.V. records &c. . .

"Song of the Flea" (Goethe-Mussorgsky). "Barbiere Di Siviglia-La Calunnia" (Rossini). Feodor Chaliapin.

"Minuet" (Padewski, Op. 14, No. 1). "Moonlight Sonata-Adagio Sostenuto" (Beethoven, Op. 27, No. 2).

Ignace Jan Paderewski. "Song of the Vaga Boatmen" (Russian Folk Song).

"Shining Moon" (Kirilloff). Russian Balalaika Orchestra.

"Cross Roads" (Klages-Axt-Mendoza).

"Marie" (Irving Berlin). Franklyn Baur.

"Nights of Gladness—Valse" (Charles Ancille).

"Million—Valse Hesitation" (Frank W. McKee).

Rudy Seiger's Shell Symphonists.

"Little Pal" (Jolson-De Sylva-Brown-Henderson),

equally perturbed and entered into negotiations with the B.B.C., which have at last, it is believed, resulted in an understanding which will enable the announcements of titles to be made under fair conditions.

FINDING ORE WITH RADIO

Prospecting by radio has been simplified by the introduction of improved apparatus which already has located veins of ore to a depth of 500 feet (says "Poplar Mechanics").

Trained engineers are required to operate the outfit, but it is not difficult to handle, and its accuracy has been tested repeatedly. It employs the principle of electromagnetic induction. An electromagnetic field is sent out from a transmitter to a depth of several hundred feet. If an ore vein is within the radius of the field, a current is set up in the conductor, which, in turn, sets up a secondary field, and this is detected by a direction-finding apparatus. By further observations, the extent of the ore vein is determined. The outfit consists of a radio transmitter, a power box and the direction-finding set. A crew of four men is generally employed with it. This method of radio prospecting is not intended for hunting lost treasures or small quantities of minerals, but for locating ore veins or bands of minerals and to pick up lost veins due to faulting. It does not determine the type of ore or the quantity of it, although it does show its depth and the length of the veins.

END OF DISPUTE

Dance Titles To Be Given Again

It is understood that the announcement of the titles of dance music numbers broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation from outside their studios, which was discontinued at the end of February, was to be resumed on November 1 according to mail week papers.

The reason for the decision of the B.B.C. to discontinue these announcements, which had always been extremely popular with listeners, was taken because of friction, which nearly developed into a scandal, caused by "song plugging."

System of Graft

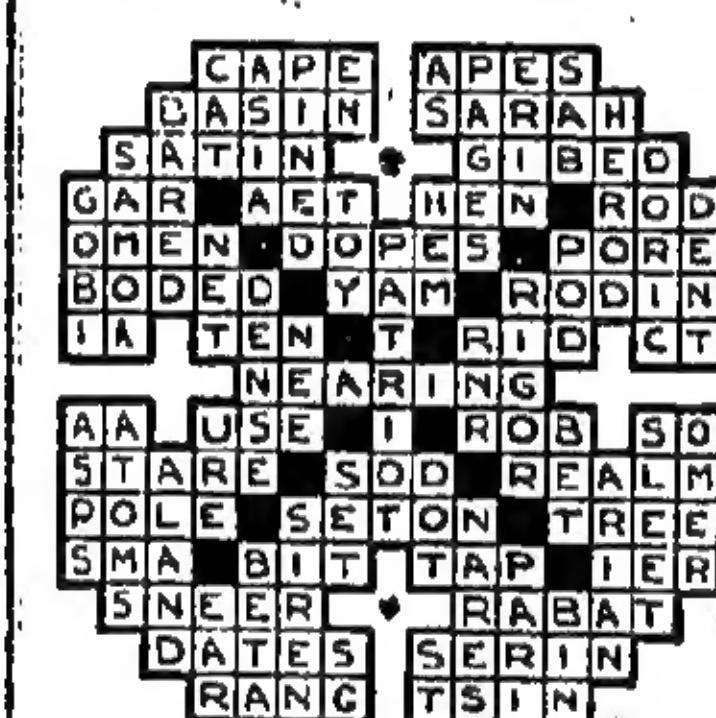
The B.B.C. discovered that it was being made the medium of an extensive system of graft, while the public was being deprived of listening to some of the best song and dance music.

It was found in 1927 that certain music publishers were obtaining unfair publicity for their particular numbers by the device of coming to secret arrangements with orchestra leaders. On the other hand, music publishers who refused to negotiate with certain orchestra leaders were complaining that even when they published first-class numbers which the public wanted to hear, orchestras refused to play them, and they never reached B.B.C. listeners.

Broadcasting authorities attempted to solve the problem of "plugging," and to obtain an improvement in their programmes, by joint action with the music publishers. An arrangement was made, but this proved ineffective and broke down last January.

When the announcements were stopped the B.B.C. was flooded with letters from listeners demanding to know the reason for the stop and asking for the announcements to be resumed. The publishers were

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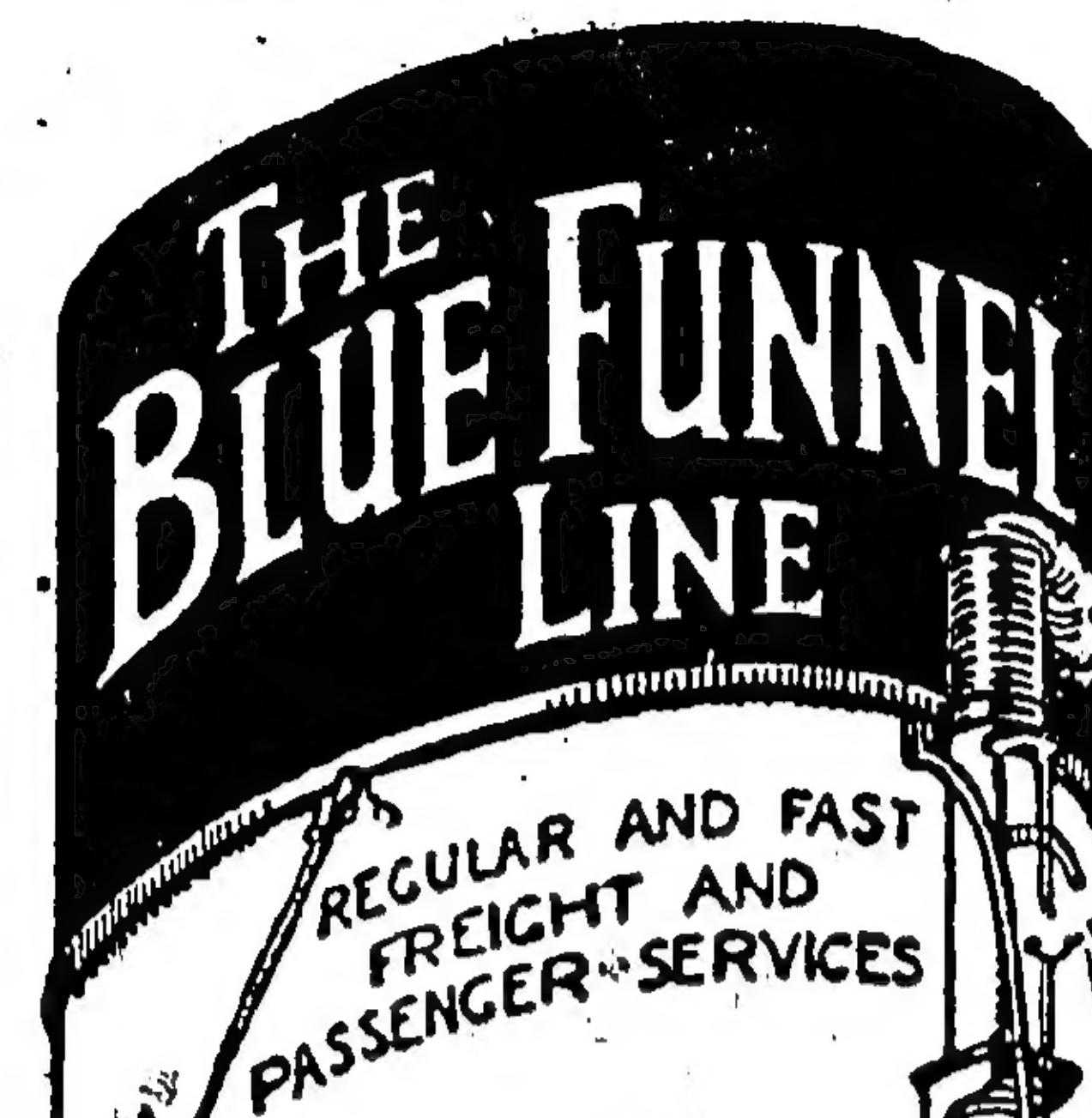
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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Wednesday, the 25th inst. and Thursday, the 26th inst. the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILED

From TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24. Per

Straits	Van Heutz
Japan	Tango Maru
Japan	25.
Japan	Tilawa
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, Nov. 28)	Takada
Straits	Mizapore
Japan and Shanghai	Suna Maru
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28.	
Canada (Victoria, B.C., Dec. 20, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai)	Empress of Canada
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Nov. 29), Honolulu,	
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OUTWARD MAILED

For TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24. Per

Saigon	Prominent	8.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jebsen	4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Pao Sek	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus (Due Marseilles, Jan. 22, 1930.)	
K.P.O.	G.P.O.	
Registration Dec. 24, 4.30 p.m.	Registration Dec. 24, 5 p.m.	
Letters 4.30 p.m.	Letters 6 p.m.	
Swatow, Foochow and Wei Ha	Cheongshing	5 p.m.
Wei	Wai Shing	5 p.m.
Swatow	Tango Maru	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	(Due Thursday Is., Jan. 6, 1930.)	
Holloway & Haiphong via Haiphong	Registration Dec. 24, 5 p.m.	
Amoy	New Mathilde	5 p.m.
Amoy, Amy and Foochow	Yingchow	9 a.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.	Halyang	9 a.m.
Holloway, Pakho & Haiphong	Mendao Maru	8.30 a.m.
Wichow via Pakho	Bellerophon	9 a.m.
Shanghai	Hydrangea	9 a.m.
Rabaul	Drammerhaven	9 a.m.
Holloway and Haiphong	Kelso	9 a.m.

THE DANGER IN EGYPT

CHAMBERLAIN CONDEMS LABOUR'S POLICY
RETROGRADE STEPS

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons to-day debated on Egypt on a motion of adjournment by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who declared that the contingent promise to allow the Egyptian Battalion to return to the Sudan was a dangerous retrograde step, and condemned the clauses in the proposals bearing upon the protection of British interests in Egypt, particularly the lines of communication, and also the pro-

DISTURBANCES IN NIGERIA

POLICE COMPELLED TO FIRE ON MOB OF WOMEN

EUROPEAN HURT
PLAN TO PARALISE TROOPS AND LOOT THE FACTORIES

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day at question time, Dr. Drummond Shiels, dealing with the recent disturbances in Southern Nigeria, stated that a mob of women, armed with sticks, arrived at Opobo on December 16, and cut off the District Officer and twelve police from the rest of the town, leaving the Europeans defenceless. A platoon of troops under Lieutenant R. M. Hill arrived, but the mob pushed back the troops.

After giving over ten warnings, and as attempts were made to snatch the rifles from the troops, and the District Officer being attacked, Lieut. Hill ordered them to fire. Nineteen women and one man were killed; ten women died of their wounds, and eight women were pushed in the river by the rush of the mob and drowned.

They were satisfied that opening fire was the only possible course to save life and property. The Chief Jaja states that the plan was drawn up on the assumption that women would not be fired on. The women were to rush the officials and the men would then loot the factories.

The only other casualties were at Abako, where the police were compelled to fire on a frenzied mob. Six women were killed.

European ladies were assaulted in riots at Aba, on the Imo River. The general situation is now well in hand.—Reuter.

The principal publishing houses of Stockholm, Oslo and Copenhagen have combined to offer prizes for the nine best Scandinavian novels. The prizes amount to nearly £4,000, and the books will be published in all three capitals.

Mr. Churchill Snubbed

London, Later. Mr. Churchill said that the acceptance of the treaty in its present form and the withdrawal of troops from Cairo were likely to lead to bloodshed in Egypt, and a dangerous situation on the Mediterranean.

Sir Herbert Samuel opined that it was most desirable that the draft of the treaty should be carried out in the interests of the British Empire as well as of Egypt.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Foreign Under-Secretary, declared that the rate of the removal of troops from Cairo be protected by the League Covenant. The debate adjourned.—Reuter.

MOTOR ACCESSORIES STOLEN

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A DRIVER
BAIL OF \$1,000

"This is not an isolated case of theft. Motor thefts have become well regularised."

This statement was made by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning in fixing bail of \$1,000 for a Chinese named Kwok Si-kan, charged as under:—

(1) the theft, between October 21 and December 21 of motor car

accessories, the property of the Hong Kong Hotel garage;

(2) the theft on October 20 of a motor car bumper, the property of Lam Ying, of the Sang Lee firm of contractors; and

(3) the theft on November 15 of a jack, a spanner, three winches, a turn screw, and a pair of pliers, the property of a Chinese named Chiu Si-kee, whose address was not given.

There were alternative charges of receiving stolen property.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, instructed by the accused's wife, appeared for the defence, and asked for a remand as he had only just been retained.

Before giving an adjournment, Mr. Hamilton asked for the facts of the case.

His Worship fixed hearing of the case for, 11.30 a.m. on December 30.

Mr. Rendall applied for bail saying that accused was the owner of a public motor car. He got his living by running the car, and it was not likely that he would run away.

His Worship then fixed bail after making the remark quoted above.



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